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SENT PRIORITY BONN 269, POLAD USAREUR 89, DEPARTMENT 316,
MOSCOW 78, REPEATED INFORMATION LONDON PARIS UNNUMBERED.

ON BEHALF ON BRANDT MAYOR AMREHN REQUESTED MEETING THREE
DEPUTY COMMANDANTS THIS AFTERNOON CONVEY SENAT OPINION RE
KHRUSHCHEV SPEECH. AMREHN SAID SPEECH HAD AROUSED CONSIDERABLE
ATTENTION DESPITE EARLIER KROEGER ARTICLE AND ULBRICHT STATEMENT,
PARTICULARLY BECAUSE OF SURPRISING SPEED WITH WHICH IT FOLLOWED
ULBRICHT SPEECH (OURTEL 246 TO BONN, 291 DEPT). DESPITE
WIDESPREAD PRESS ATTENTION THERE NO INDICATION PUBLIC DISQUIET.

IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON AND LONDON REBUTTALS MOST HELPFUL BUT
SENAT FEELING WAS THAT IN ADDITION TO RECENT REAFFIRMATION
SECURITY GUARANTEE SOME CONCRETE MOVE DESIRABLE FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL
REASONS. HE SUGGESTED TWO POSSIBLE STEPS: (1) BERLIN MEETING
THREE WESTERN AMBASSADORS AND JOINT CALL ON PERVUKIN TO CONFIRM
VISIBLY THE EXISTENCE FOUR POWER STATUS; (2) JOINT DEMARCHE
BY THREE WESTERN AMBASSADORS IN MOSCOW INQUIRING WHAT KHRUSHCHEV
ACTUALLY SAID (POSSIBLY USING DIVERGENT PRESS ACCOUNTS AS
REASON SUCH INQUIRY) AND THEN MAKING FORTHRIGHT STATEMENT
THAT ALLIES WILL NOT TOLERATE ANY CHANGES WHICH WOULD AFFECT
THEIR POSITION WEST BERLIN.

IN SUPPORT POINT 2 AMREHN STATED THAT WHILE CRUCIAL PASSAGES
KHRUSHCHEV'S SPEECH NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR, WHOLE TENOR SEEMED
TO BE IN TERMS OF FUTURE ACTION. BERLIN SENAT THEREFORE FELT
IT IMPERATIVE THAT WESTERN POSITION BE FORCEFULLY BROUGHT
TO KHRUSHCHEV'S ATTENTION BEFORE SOV IMPLEMENTATION VERBAL

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THREATS, SINCE AFTERWARDS REVERSAL TO STATUS QUO ANTE MOST DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE. AMREHN STRESSED THREE WESTERN AMBASSADORS SHOULD EMPHASIZE AMONG OTHER THINGS THAT ALLIES WOULD NOT RPT NOT TOLERATE RAIL AND AUTOBAHN CONTROL BY GDR AUTHORITIES.

HE ALSO SAID SENAT HAD DISCUSSED DESIRABILITY STRONGER ALLIED DEMONSTRATIONS SUCH AS FLYING EXTRA PLANES INTO BERLIN OR REINFORCING GARRISONS BUT FELT SUCH MEASURES WOULD GO BEYOND REQUIREMENTS PRESENT SITUATION.

DEPUTIES POINTED OUT THAT EVEN IF BERLIN MEETING OF AMBASSADORS POSSIBLE PERVUKIN UNLIKELY BE AVAILABLE RECEIVE THEM. THIS RECOGNIZED BY AMREHN WHO STATED SIMPLE PRESENCE THREE AMBASSADORS WEST BERLIN AND JOINT DEMARCHE MOSCOW WOULD HAVE DESIRED EFFECT.

SENATOR FEDERAL AFFAIRS KLEIN RAISED QUESTION POSSIBLE SOV WITHDRAWAL BASIC STATING THAT, ACCORDING FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ARTICLE BY ITS BERLIN CORRESPONDENT, SUCH WITHDRAWAL WOULD MEAN CESSATION BERLIN AIR TRAFFIC. DEPUTIES EXPLAINED THIS NOT SO SINCE CORRIDOR FLIGHTS POSSIBLE WITHOUT SOV FLIGHT SAFETY GUARANTEE. AMREHN OBSERVED THAT AIR CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE DIFFERENT BASIS FROM SURFACE ACCESS. HE POINTED OUT KHRUSHCHEV HAD MADE SIMILAR ADMISSION RE AIR TRAFFIC EMB STATUS AND THEREIN LAY ANOTHER BASIS FOR WESTERN REPRESENTATION MOSCOW.

KLEIN ALSO SAID IF ALLIED FORCED SUBMIT RAIL AND AUTOBAHN, CONTROL BY GDR THIS WOULD PRESENT INTOLERABLE SITUATION IMPLYING DE FACTO RECOGNITION. IN THAT CASE ALLIES MAY BE FORCED CONSIDER EXERCISE RIGHT ACCESS BERLIN WITHOUT GER PERMISSION. IN REPLY BRITISH DEPUTY OBSERVED THAT WEST MUST AVOID DANGER SELF-BLOCKADE.

AMREHN ALSO INFORMED DEPUTIES OF SENAT DECISIONS RE EBERT LETTER (OURTEL TO BONN 263, DEPT 309). SENAT WILL TELL EAST GERMANS THAT PROPOSAL FOR JOINT COMMISSION BETWEEN SENAT AND

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MAGISTRATE TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE. REPLY WILL STATE THAT OTHER PROPOSALS REQUIRE FURTHER STUDY. OFFER FOR EXCHANGE OF GOODS SHOULD BE REFERRED TO OFFICE INTERZONAL TRADE.

RE AMREHN'S SUGGESTION BERLIN MEETING THREE AMBASSADORS, MISSION BELIEVES SEPARATE VISITS TO BERLIN NEAR FUTURE BY CHIEFS OF MISSION WILL WELL ENOUGH ACCOMPLISH PSYCHOLOGICAL BENEFITS DESIRED BY AMREHN. AMERICAN CHARGE DUE THIS WEEK, BRITISH AMBASSADOR NEXT WEEK.

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